

THE MESSAGE

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1900.

They have the bubonic plague in San Francisco.

Miss Anna Hinde is the guest of Fulton relatives.

W. A. Morris is recovering from a hard siege of sickness.

Ed. Kunkel, assistant in the postoffice, has been quite a sick man.

Gov. Stephens is begging Missourians to help the starving in India.

Mr. James F. Ruse, of this city, is very ill and not expected to recover.

George Barton of Laddonia made the MESSAGE a substantial call Tuesday.

Sheriff Nelson and John Lane are rusticated at Randolph Springs, upon a branch of the Chariton river.

Miss Bennetta Thornburgh is spending a two weeks' vacation with her sister, Mrs. J. F. Ruse, northeast of Mexico.

"Uncle" Robert Kerr, of Molino, is feeding 19 head of fine two year old steers. They will weigh near 1,250 pounds.

A Wellsville paper said that there was smallpox in Vandalia. There is no such thing. Vandalia denies it most emphatically.

Wellsville will have a big celebration and Modern Woodmen log rolling on July 4. State Deputy Head Consul D. L. Thornton, of Kansas City, will deliver an address.

The prizes in the piano contest between seven students of the junior piano class at Hardin College Concert Hall last Saturday night were won by Miss Gertrude Hayner, first; Miss Sydney Houts, second. Vocal music and elocution interspersed the program.

Eld. W. H. Hook united in marriage last Wednesday night week, Mr. R. W. Smith, of Randolph county, and Miss Bertie Forrest, of Audrain. Mr. Smith and his fair young bride will reside on Mr. Smith's farm in Randolph. May joy and prosperity ever attend them.

McKinley has been indulging in the excessive use of tobacco. It is feared that he will experience a general breakdown in health, and that is why the Republicans will display unusual care in the selection of a vice-presidential candidate.

D. D. Gray, of near Santa Fe, one of the best fellows on top of dirt, was attending Probate Court here last week and looking after a land trade between him and Joe Norman of Santa Fe. Mr. Norman buys an 80 acre piece of land from Mr. Gray.

Albert D. Frank, who resides north of Mexico and who is a brother of G. A. Frank of the Turner Jackson Mercantile Co. of this city, was married last Thursday evening to Miss Sallie B. Griffith, Justice W. R. Dudley officiating. A well liked young couple. May their joys increase as the seasons roll.

T. R. Fish died at the home of his sister, Mrs. P. H. Gant, in this city last Sunday morning. His disease was consumption. He was a bachelor and his home was in Montgomery City, but he came to Mexico about four weeks since. He was a member of the M. E. Church South, and was a good man. The remains were taken to Montgomery City for interment, Rev. B. D. Sipple preaching the funeral in that place.

A Kentucky editor must have been on a terrible jamboree previous to writing the following: Backward, turn backward, oh time in your flight, give me the dollar I blew in last night, put me to bed, for my feet are so sore, sober me up as I was once before. Wipe from my poor face the cheap whiskey stars, smooth from my forehead the disheveled hair; wind a wet dishrag around my swelled head, put me to bed, mother, put me to bed.

A SUICIDE

James Robinson, a Druggist at Vandalia, Shoots Himself.

James Robinson, aged about 25, son of the late Albert Robinson, committed suicide at Vandalia yesterday morning at an early hour.

He had been unwell for a week, but took a bath and went to bed as usual. However, late in the night, he took a revolver and shot himself thru the body without moving the bedclothes from over him. Despondency is supposed to have been the cause. He had a sweetheart at Louisiana, Mo.

Edward Spencer.

There is talk that the case of the State against Edward Spencer, convicted of killing Ben Eddleman in the Vandalia saloon last Christmas, which is now before the Supreme Court, may be withdrawn. Spencer will then begin his sentence of ten years in the penitentiary forthwith.

This action might be the better part of valor. It was thought at the time that the Andrain jury was not unreasonable in the penalty it fixed. Spencer is confined in the Mexico jail.

Interests Audrain.

It is understood that W. D. Oldham, an intimate friend of W. J. Bryan and an orator of fine ability and reputation in Nebraska, and Deputy Attorney General of that State, will make the nominating speech and present Mr. Bryan's name to the Kansas City convention on July 4. This is, it is said, by Mr. Bryan's request.

It is worthy to note here that Mr. Oldham has a Missouri lady for a wife, and from Audrain county at that. He married a Miss Belle Fentem, a cousin of John B. Graham, of this city. They were married about twelve years since, and reside at Kearney, Neb. Hope this Missouri girl may prove an aid to her husband's reaching as high a prominence in the nation as the distinguished William Jennings Bryan himself.

Were They White or Black?

The Louisiana Press thus comments on a sample of human depravity:

The steamer Flying Eagle arrived here at 12:30 Sunday from Quincy with a crowd of excursionists. Many of the crowd were blind drunk when they reached here and the disgusting spectacle of young ladies holding their beaux to keep them from falling into the river when they walked off the stage plank was a common sight. The keys were not the least bit backward about hugging their girls on the streets and some walked out Georgia between two females, with an arm around each. Some of the crowd tried hard to break into the saloons here and used some very bad language when they found they could get nothing to drink.

Got Tired Walking.

Marshall, Mo., May 21.—Constable Schooley, of Grand Pass, yesterday brought a young woman to Marshall and placed her in jail on a charge of horse stealing. She was recently released from jail at Lexington on a charge of breaking into a school building at Higginsville and was walking on her way east. Getting tired of walking, she stole a horse from Mr. Martin, near Malta Bend, rode to West Glasgow, sold the horse for \$25, bought a ticket on the Chicago & Alton train going east, but just as she was about to board the train she was arrested. She is 18 years old and quite comely in appearance.

Capt. Hiner is still a very sick man.

"Uncle" Jim Smith, of this city, remains very ill.

Judge J. F. Botts, of near Molino, is reported ill.

The British government distributed \$1,500,000 in Texas in the purchase of mules.

L. E. Botts, of near Molino, bought of T. C. Henderson a 2 year old Ike filly for \$100.

Miss Nora Bullard, of Martinsburg, was the guest of the family of S. H. Douglass here first of the week.

Neighborhood News.

Wesley Chapel.

Franklin and Easterly sold to a Mr. Finlad of Bean Creek 15 head of mules at \$42.50 per head, yearlings.

Miss Eva Anderson who spent the winter with her cousins near Gamma has returned to her home in this vicinity for a short visit.

Luther Angell of Centralia is spending a few days with his father-in-law, James Anderson, in this neighborhood.

Grandma Williams of Montgomery county is visiting her daughter in this locality, Mrs. James Anderson.

Les Faires has turned Sunday school missionary. He is drumming up a class of boys of his age for the Wesley Chapel Sunday school. Good boy! Pity the older people do not take the hint.

Thompson.

Everybody is well pleased with the recent rains.

Ed Kelly, of Kansas, is visiting at Jno. Murphy's and Mike O'Brien's.

Miss Lena Squires returned to Mexico Monday after a five days' visit to home folks.

Dave Owen and Ernest Gant of Mexico were on our streets Tues.

Jim Cogswell is sick at his home in Slater.

Miss Simpson, of Jonesburg, visited at T. D. Powell's last week.

W. M. Thompson has taken a contract to build and remodel the culverts in this district under the new road law.

Dr. Mayes attended the meeting of physicians at Mexico last week.

Gus Lyons is spending a few weeks with home folks after a trip to Colorado.

J. B. Pool was in Centralia Tuesday.

J. T. Cogswell sold a horse to Geo. T. Bruce Monday. Price, \$65.00.

Mrs. Julia Moss visited at J. M. Daniel's first of the week.

L. Y. Petty was in St. Louis to buy cattle last week.

Bob Brown shipped a car of hogs to market Friday night.

Gant brothers shipped a car of butcher stuff Monday.

J. R. Hayes shipped a car of sheep Tuesday.

Rush Hill.

Powell and Mundy shipped car hogs to St. Louis last Thursday.

Albert Zumwalt, night telegraph operator at Vandalia, was the guest of J. F. Ridgeway here last Wednesday.

Henry Winkler returned Thursday night from St. Louis, where he attended the Evangelical church conference.

Silas Martin is back from Joplin and will work at the carpenter trade here during the summer.

Miss Lena Reed of Vandalia spent several days here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Culbertson, returning home Sunday.

J. F. Darby moved his household goods to Nebo, Ill., Monday. Mrs. Mrs. Darby followed Monday night.

Youngs Creek.

The interment of Grandma Miller last Friday at Long Branch cemetery was witnessed by her many friends. Deceased was a consistent member of the Methodist church. Agreeable to her wish there was no funeral. Mr. Simons lead in a touching prayer, invoking God to console the bereaved and lead them to meet "mother" in the bright beyond.

Elder Craig filled his regular appointment at Long Branch Baptist church last Saturday and Sunday, preaching three sermons.

There will be a basket meeting at Olivet next Saturday. The presiding elder from Mexico is to preach twice. On Sunday Pastor Rooker will preach twice, as usual.

Mrs. Barney Wright's father from Saline county has been visiting her several days.

Mr. Barnaby went to Mexico Monday and bought a cultivator with neither wheels nor runners. We failed to learn its name.

Mr. Patterson went to Mexico Tuesday and took his wool. He also took two nice coal calves.

Will Jones and wife went to Mexico Tuesday. Will has been suffering several days from the effects of handling poison-oak vine.

Prof. Eddie Patterson is spending his vacation at his father's. We are proud to know that Ed is one of our institute instructors this year.

Tom Newgent of Paris is spending his vacation on his father's farm plowing week days and using his new twelve dollar saddle Sundays.

Rejoice and be glad! The good rains have come. Oats and grass revived. Cornfields clean and melow.

Molino.

The farmers are very much encouraged since the nice rain last week.

Mr. Wash Miller has sold his beautiful home to Mr. Willoughby Smith. We hope Mr. Miller will not leave the neighborhood. Should he go, he and his family would be fully missed.

Mesdames Pollock and Leah Brown, who have been seriously sick, are thought to be some better.

Miss Mary Cawthorn, who has been suffering with inflammatory rheumatism for some time, is in a very serious condition.

The supper that was announced for last Thursday night at Mrs. Bailey's, on account of the glorious rain that was so much needed, was postponed until Monday night. \$17.50 was taken in.

Thanks to the MESSAGE for its kindness in advertising our supper and the nice package of cards with the price for supper printed on each one. It was a great help to us, and caused many a comment on the valuable little paper, the MESSAGE.

Mrs. Thos. Schieffer, who has been ill for some time, is worse again.

Master Harry Balis, of Mexico, is the guest of Josiah Martin and wife.

Laddonia.

The Martinsburg Republican editor spent Saturday and Sunday here.

Mrs. Ed. Atchison is visiting her sister, Mrs. Gateskill.

Doctor Kennedy, of Perry, came over for his little girl, Celia, who has been staying a few weeks with her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. S. Welch.

Dr. H. Welch is visiting his sister, Mrs. Kennedy, in Perry.

Mrs. Viola H. Martin, of St. Louis, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Elder, here.

Dr. A. F. Brown, of Wentzville, is here on business.

Mrs. Heckard Williams, of East St. Louis, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Elder, west of town.

Mr. Wm. Wood, of West Hartford, was married in Texas, to a lady of that state on the 15th of this month.

Mrs. W. B. Reed is dangerously sick. She took sick last Thursday and Dr. Vandeventer removed a tumor that was giving her pain.

Mrs. Annie L. Gerry leaves Wednesday for Cripple Creek, where her husband is located.

Ova and Willie Betts also leave for Colorado.

The Sunday School rally, to be held at the Christian church Friday, Saturday and Sunday, promises to be quite interesting. Some fine music will be rendered, besides several papers read.

The Cow Pea.

J. R. Shell, northwest of Laddonia, is distinguishing himself in experiment with the cow pea. He grew a good crop last year and was highly satisfied with the results. They make a fine feed as well as a splendid fertilizer. Mr. Shell was in Mexico Tuesday and bought over \$150 worth of this pea, from Hathaway & Keath, to sow this year. As a fertilizer he thinks they are going to prove far superior to clover for the soil of this section. The pea is designated as the "Clover of the South."

A number of farmers in the vicinity of Martinsburg have been growing the pea for several years, notably the Fennwald brothers and J. H. Scott, and the results have always been very satisfactory.

Ben Cauthorn, C. F. Clark, Edgar Shoup, J. R. Snook, E. Hughes, E. B. Norris, Wm. Vivian and others have sown the pea in this section of the county. The results from the sowing of this crop from now on will be watched with great interest than ever.

Talks With People.

J. W. Plunkett: The joke is on me. I'll wait now and go and hear that baccalaureate sermon next Sunday.

Bee Lewellen, Assistant Cashier Laddonia Farmer's Bank: Business is looking up a little down our way. The good prices for hogs and cattle shipped out is bringing some money into the county.

Stock Raiser: The horn fly; yes, you can kill him, but how are you going to do it fast enough? The hair of the animal wet every four or five days with fish oil, with a small quantity of carbolic acid mixed in, won't do all. If the droppings from the animals could be disposed of forthwith, where the insect breeds, that would help solve the problem. The horn fly—it seems that he has come to stay.

Man in the Office: I think Dewey has almost run his course. When he was a naval hero he was all right, but when he came out, or rather was pushed out into politics by his wife, I think he made a very bad move. The people thought of him very highly when he was a naval hero, but when politics was introduced into the game it kicked all the honor and glory from this great man.

Mexico Temperance Man: I read this week of a certain Rev. E. E. Dixon, prominent Methodist clergyman of Stroudsburg, Pa., who is to be called upon to defend in court for a prayer offered, calling for divine vengeance upon a big brewery being erected in his city. In a vehement prayer the minister called upon God to strike the brewery with lightning. Shortly after the prayer was answered—the brewery was struck by lightning and partially wrecked, and now the brewer builders want to assess the damage upon the preacher. Curious mixture of events. I would like to see the court petition in this case.

Alumnae Meeting.

All members expecting to attend the Alumnae dinner are requested to call on Mrs. S. N. Evans and purchase tickets by 4 p. m. Monday, May 28, when the last business meeting will be held.

Mrs. E. A. COLLINS, Pres.
Mrs. FRANK JESSE, Sec.

DeWitt Shoots, formerly of Mexico, was shot, but only slightly hurt, by one Sam Jennings in a saloon at Montgomery City one day last week.

Prof. W. A. Harding, formerly of this city, son of our fellow-townsmen P. W. Harding, is to be married next month to a Miss Bertha Lay, of Columbus, Indiana, in which city Mr. Harding is at present located. Scores of Mexico friends extend congratulations.

J. M. Nickles, proprietor of the "Black Flag" of this city, had a little robbery experience down at Pacific, Mo., the other night. His store at that place was broken into, but the robbers only carried away a few articles. The same store was robbed in a like manner last fall.

The patrons and friends of Hardin College, upon invitation of the management, had opportunity Monday evening to visit the grounds of that institution and give the buildings and furnishings a general inspection. A goodly assembly of representative people were present, and all came away with a higher opinion than ever of this magnificent school.

Letter's Travels.

Kolomo (Ind.) Special to the New York World: Miss Alice Channell of this city was surprised the other day to receive a letter that had been mailed to her in June, 1889, by a California friend who died five years ago. The letter had been misdirected, and has been meandering around the country for ten years seeking proper destination. It was sent several times to the dead-letter office, covered by addresses and postmarks and forwarded again in fresh envelopes. It reached the owner yellow from age and with news that was somewhat stale. The letter contained a money order for \$2 that time has outlived. The department will replace it with a duplicate.

Woman Killed a Wildcat.

Susquehanna (Pa.) Spec. Philadelphia Inquirer: Alarmed by the cries of her poultry Mrs. Hempstead, of Cascade Valley, the other evening went into her barn, where she saw a large wildcat eating a turkey. She returned to the house, secured an ax, returned to the barn and gave battle to the wildcat, killing it after a severe struggle. In which she was painfully lacerated and her clothing was badly torn. The wildcat weighed thirty pounds.

POLISHING PETRIFIED WOOD.

Tons of It Are Shipped from Arizona to a South Dakota Factory.
The polishing works of this city is now engaged on the stupendous job of getting out \$1,000,000 worth of polished chalcedony, or petrified wood, to be taken to the Paris exposition. This petrified wood is hauled from its native heath in Arizona, a distance of sixty-five miles, to a railroad, and then shipped to this city to be cut and polished. It is shipped here in great logs and stumps, weighing many tons each, just as they have lain for many ages during the process required by nature to turn the wood into beautiful and variegated colors of stone. The process of sawing the stone up in shape for polishing is most tedious, the huge machinery used for the purpose being able to saw only from an inch to three inches a day into it. After being cut and polished the stone is worked up into every conceivable shape, from cuff buttons to tops for center tables and great columns, which cost a small fortune. The great exhibit which is to be made in Paris will be a wonderful advertisement for Sioux Falls, for the reason that nowhere else on earth is there machinery mammoth yet delicate enough to saw, polish and put into shape the variety of articles that will be on exhibition.—Sioux Falls Journal.

Has a Prized Curio.

One of the prized curios of the Philadelphia mint is a coin which is 2,000 years old, and which was coined at the ancient mint of that other Philadelphia of the far east mentioned in the bible. It is still in good condition, and the inscription is perfectly legible. The design of the face of the coin bears a striking resemblance to the Goddess of Liberty of our own currency, and underneath is the one word, "Demos," which means "the people." On the other side is the figure of Diana, with her bow arched, and the inscription, "Diana, Friend of the Philadelphians." When this coin was struck off, Philadelphia was the most important city of Lydia. The prize was picked up in Europe by Joseph Mickle, a celebrated Philadelphia violinmaker and numismatist of high repute, who presented it to the mint.—Philadelphia Record.

Misconceptions of Children.

From the London Academy: May I add one more example to the astonishing list of childish misconceptions? It was in the days when the litany formed an inevitable part of the morning service and a little boy of my acquaintance, unable to read, used to hear, in response to an unintelligible drone from the officiating clergyman, the oft-repeated and awe-inspiring statement: "We see—such a halcyon—good Lord!" Many a scared glance did he cast about the little country church, wondering what a "halcyon" might be and why he could not also see one. The sentence was, of course, the Buckinghamshire rendering of "We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord." Eight pupils, whose average age might be 7, were asked to write the Lord's prayer from memory. Five of the eight wrote: "Lead us not in tuten tation." A friend took her Sunday school class to the seaside. It was a new experience for one scholar, who exclaimed: "Teacher, there's the sea, but where's all the tininies?" ("The sea and all that in them is.")

Fuel Cubes from Cuba.

Hazleton (Pa.) Spec. Philadelphia Record: The fine coal dust or "culm," which has heretofore been considered worthless, and lies mountain high around the breakers of the Lehigh region, is now being shipped to tide water at the rate of about twenty car loads per day. At a point near New York a firm has undertaken to manufacture the stuff into fuel cubes or "brickets," and while the success of the enterprise is not yet assured, a ready sale is being found for the limited product of the plant.

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Actress' Wedding Cards.

An actress playing small parts in a Berlin theater has turned her marriage to some account. The usual formal invitation has been suppressed in favor of something that reads like this: "Fraulein X. invites all her friends and admirers to see her debut in a piece called 'Marriage.'" The other part will be taken by Herr X. It will depend on the latter whether this play turns out a comedy or a drama." One admires the courage of a man that could read this and then walk to the altar.

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